

WPS SELF- INSPECTION CHECKLIST

This checklist is designed for the owner of an agricultural establishment to use as a self-evaluation for compliance with the Worker Protection Standard. It is not a comprehensive list of WPS requirements. Complete information on the WPS is found in the EPA *“The Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides–How to Comply” What Employers Need to Know*

PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING (HTC manual, pp 25-28)

Have handlers received pesticide safety training?

How is training documented? ☐ certification card ☐ handler card ☐ other

Is training conducted by a qualified instructor or a certified applicator?

Conducted by: _____

Is training material used in compliance with WPS?

Have workers received pesticide safety training?

How is training documented? ☐ certification card ☐ worker card ☐ other

Is training conducted by a qualified instructor or a certified applicator?

Conducted by: _____

Is training material used in compliance with WPS?

Name of video or material used _____

CENTRAL LOCATION (HTC manual, pp 23-24)

Is the required information displayed at the central location?

☐ application list ☐ safety poster ☐ emergency info ☐ legible ☐ accessible to workers and handlers

Does the application list include:

- ☐ location and description of area
- ☐ Product name
- ☐ EPA registration no.
- ☐ active ingredient(s)
- ☐ Time and date pesticide is applied
- ☐ Restricted-entry interval (REI)

Is the pesticide safety poster the EPA safety poster?

Is the required emergency information of the nearest facility provided?

☐ Name ☐ Telephone number ☐ Address if medical facility ☐ Legible

How are workers/handlers informed about the location of this information?

NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS (HTC manual pp. 41-44)

How are workers/handlers informed about pesticide applications and restricted-entry intervals? ☐ oral warning ☐ posted signs ☐ both

If oral warning, when is the warning given?

☐ before the application of the pesticide ☐ after the application of the pesticide

Does oral warning contain: ☐ Location and description of treated area ☐ Restricted entry interval

☐ instruction not to enter the treated area until after REI

How are warnings given to workers who are unable to understand English?

Are all pesticide applications in greenhouse posted?

When posting signs are used for notification:

Where are signs posted? ☐ all entrances to treated area

Was EPA sign used? ☐ Was it legible? ☐ “14 x “16? ☐ other

When are signs put up? ☐ 24 hrs or less before application

When are they removed? ☐ Within 3 days after the end of REI ☐ If no REI then within 3 days after the end of the application

MEDICAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (HTC manual pg 35)

Are all requirements below followed when a handler or worker has been poisoned or injured by a pesticide?

- ☐ Transportation ☐ Product name ☐ EPA registration number ☐ Active ingredient ☐ Antidote
- ☐ First aid ☐ Statement of practical treatment ☐ How pesticide was used

Who provides transportation to the emergency medical facility for worker/handler?

Who is responsible for providing information about the pesticide products to medical personnel/victim?

DECONTAMINATION (HTC manual pg 29)

Worker site

Is the decontamination site easily accessible to the worker?

- ☐ located within 1/4 mile of treated area
- ☐ more than 1/4 mile
- ☐ in an area being treated with pesticides

Is each decontamination site equipped with: ☐ soap ☐ water (1 gal per worker) ☐ single use towels

Handler site

Is the handler decontamination site easily accessible to the handler?

- ☐ located at mixing site
- ☐ within 1/4 mile of treated area?

Is each decontamination site equipped with:

- ☐ soap
- ☐ water
- ☐ single use towels
- ☐ change of clothes
- ☐ immediate access to eye-flush (at least 1 pint of water) when label requires protective eyewear?

Clean place to remove PPE?

Provisions of soap, clean towels and enough water to wash thoroughly after removing PPE?

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) (HTC manual pp 77-79)

Label required PPE provided?

Cleaned & maintained?

Used correctly?

Employer provide instruction on use & fit test?

Inspected each day before use?

Adequate storage for PPE & personal clothing away from pesticide storage & use areas?

Steps taken to prevent heat illness?

Proper information provided to people who clean or launder PPE?

Policy in place to prevent PPE from being taken home?

APPLICATION AND MONITORING: (HTC manual pp 73-76)

Do handlers receive proper information about label requirements related to safe use?

- ☐ signal word ☐ Human hazard statement ☐ PPE requirement ☐ First aid ☐ Env. precautions

Are handlers provided access to labeling during handling?

Are handlers trained to safely and correctly use all equipment for handling pesticides?

Only trained and equipped handler (s) in application area?

When handling skull & crossbones pesticides, is monitoring done every 2 hrs?

how monitored: ☐ By sight ☐ Voice contact ☐ Both

GREENHOUSE: If a fumigant is being applied, is the handler monitored: ☐ by another handler?

Monitoring by: ☐ constant visual contact or voice contact

Does person monitoring have immediate access to label required PPE?

Was ventilation criteria met (when required by the label) before handlers/workers were allowed to enter the treated area?

EQUIPMENT SAFETY: (HTC manual pg. 77)

Is equipment inspected & repaired before each day of use for leaks, clogging, damaged parts?

Performed by handler?